

RECOGNIZING THE LIMA NOON OPTIMIST CLUB'S ANNUAL YOUTH APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I always appreciate the opportunity to share positive news about young people from Ohio's Fourth Congressional District. Today, I am pleased to commend to the House 12 high school students who are being honored for their outstanding leadership skills and volunteerism.

On Wednesday, the Noon Optimist Club of Lima will recognize Emma Core, Gabi Croft, Brady Shea, Lauren Cunningham, Elena Oliver, Grant Hardeman, McKenna Bader, Jordane Dues, Jacquelyne Lynch, Alora Patel, Ryan Kaverman, and Sabrina Heffner at its annual youth appreciation luncheon. These students were each nominated by their schools for being good role models for their peers.

I thank the Optimists for their efforts to celebrate the many achievements of these students and am proud to join in the accolades to them. They have my very best wishes for continued success in their lives in the years to come.

CELEBRATING THE MARVIN GROUP'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a significant anniversary for a company that is important to my District and our great country. On February 10, 2023, the Marvin Engineering Company will celebrate 60 years as one of our Nation's leading manufacturers of armament equipment.

What started as a small, modest machine shop in Inglewood, California, has grown into one of the most successful defense contracting companies in the world. The Marvin Group supports all branches of our military and major prime contractors, and it sells products in more than 30 countries worldwide. Thanks to the gifted leadership of founder Marvin Gussman, his wife Madeline, their partner Jerry Friedman, current CEO Howard Gussman, and President David Gussman, Marvin Engineering and its parent company, The Marvin Group, are major employers in California's 43rd Congressional District and Southern California in general.

The Marvin Group's business philosophy, its extensive capabilities, and Jerry Friedman investing a significant amount of time in Washington, DC, allowed The Marvin Group to launch Marvin Land Systems in 1995, Marvin Test Solutions in 1997, and Clean Water Technologies in 2002, all of which have expanded their customer base. In addition to the manufacturing of large aero structures, The Marvin Group produces ejector racks, missile launchers, aircraft pylons and other auxiliary equipment. It has also successfully developed its own proprietary state-of-the-art systems for advanced aircraft. With its expansion into land

and sea-based platforms, including the Flyer tactical strike vehicle, The Marvin Group has won competitions and contracts from the defense departments of many of our Nation's allies around the world. I have a decades-long relationship with the management of The Marvin Group and am proud to note that they are a great corporate citizen with extensive community service involvement in Inglewood and Los Angeles. They are particularly supportive of the Hirschberg Foundation's pancreatic cancer research in honor of Marvin Gussman. The future is most definitely bright for this innovative and responsible company.

As the leadership and more than 1,000 employees of The Marvin Group gather to acknowledge this major milestone, I am proud to bring their accomplishments to the attention of the American people.

HONORING LERLEANE PAYNE CHAVIS'S SERVICE TO MADISON COUNTY

**HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lerleane Payne Chavis, of Madison, Illinois, for 60 years of dedicated service to the Treasurer's office in Madison County.

Lerleane was born on June 17, 1942, in Madison, Illinois. Continuing to be raised in the city, she would graduate from Madison High School in 1960.

Not long after, Lerleane would make history in Madison County. On January 7, 1963, eager to break the color barrier, County Treasurer, George Musso, would hire Lerleane into her office. Lerleane would be the first African American office worker employed in Madison County and the first African American woman to work for Madison County government. At 20 years old, Lerleane proved herself to be a diligent worker and create a welcoming space for her fellow employees.

Her diligence to her craft would lead to numerous promotions, eventually being promoted to Deputy Treasurer for the county. Lerleane would retire from her full-time employment in 1998, but continues to serve on a part-time basis.

January 7, 2023 marked Lerleane's 60th year of service in the Madison County's Treasurer's Office, making her the longest serving employee in Madison County Government history. During her time, she has served under nine county treasurers, making her the unofficial matriarch of the Treasurer's Office.

Throughout her service, Lerleane maintained being a pillar in her community. She would marry LeRoy Chavis in 1968 and spend 49 years together until his passing in 2017. She is the mother of four children, grandmother to nine, and great-grandmother to five. She is a longtime member of Mt. Joy Baptist Church, and volunteers her time taking care of several elderly friends in the area.

Lerleane is a unsung hero who deserves her flowers and appreciation. She is a trailblazer in the fight for equality and it is an honor to recognize her today.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MRS. CLAIRE BARTLETT

**HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mrs. Claire Bartlett, a stalwart in Georgia's conservative movement, and a valued member of my Congressional staff for over 8 years. Mrs. Bartlett has been a valuable and dedicated member of my office since I was first sworn into Congress on January 6, 2015. Prior to joining my district staff, Claire was a conservative leader in the state of Georgia. Her leadership at the grassroots level demonstrated her commitment to restoring freedom and liberty and made her uniquely qualified to serve as my first District Field Director, and then as our Director of Business and Community Engagement. In these positions, Claire worked to exemplify our mission of representing and serving the people of the 11th Congressional District with integrity, respect, attentiveness, and vigilance. Throughout her tenure, Claire diligently served the people of the district.

Claire's passion for the American ideals and our founding principals has remained her number one priority. Over the course of her time in service, from 2015 through 2023, Claire engaged with and assisted constituents and stakeholders from all walks of life and across the political spectrum. During this time, I received innumerable compliments and accolades regarding the value Claire brought to our mission. Claire will surely be a valuable asset wherever she is in the future; and I congratulate her on her new role, as she continues to work to ensure we have a community, state, and Nation that is free, safe and full of opportunity. She will be missed as a part of our team but will always remain a member of our office family, and I thank Claire for her years of service. God Speed.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOSEPH A. HARDY III

**HON. GUY RESCENTIALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Joseph Hardy, a pioneer in the building materials industry from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, who passed away on his 100th birthday on January 7, 2023.

During his final year attending Lehigh University, Mr. Hardy answered the call of duty, enlisting in the United States Army at the outbreak of World War II. After serving his nation as a radioman for the Army Air Corps in the Pacific, he returned home to pursue an industrial engineering degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

After working part-time for his family's farm and jewelry store, Mr. Hardy founded Green Hills Lumber. After several successful years, he purchased land in Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania, and opened a "cash and carry" lumber yard, the 84 Lumber Company, which would